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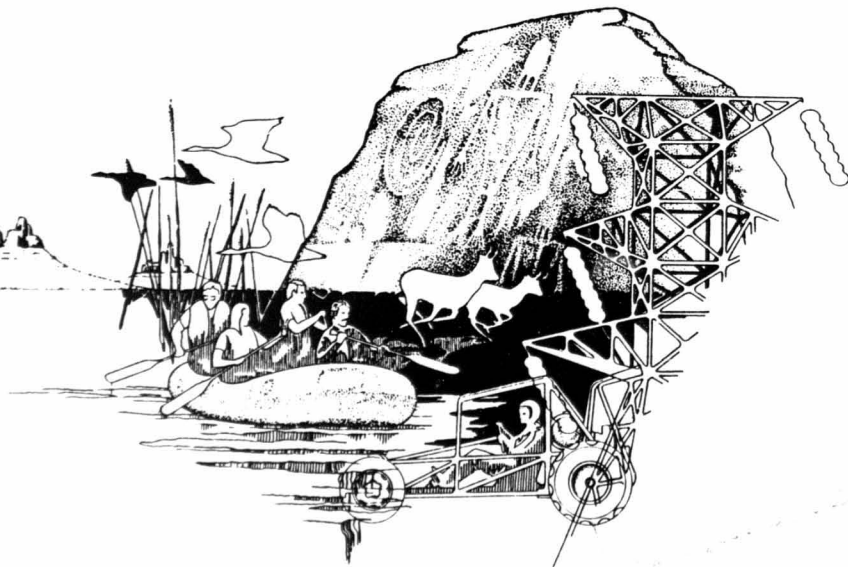


BLM UTAH

Final  
Initial Wilderness Inventory

COMPLETED

ORIGINAL



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

August 1979

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FOLLOWING COVER

ERRATA

BLM Utah Final Initial Wilderness Inventory

p. ii, (chart) Acres Originally Recommended for Intensive Inventory  
for the Cedar City District should be 1,398,098.

p. ii, (chart) Total Acres to be Intensively Inventoried in Utah should  
be 5,417,510

p. vi, 9/80 (should read) State director announces final decision on  
WSA's. Restrictions imposed by Section 603 of FLPMA will no  
longer apply on all other areas.

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## United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT  
UTAH STATE OFFICE  
136 E. SOUTH TEMPLE  
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH 84111

Dear Citizen:

This booklet contains my decisions on the Initial Wilderness Inventory of public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management in Utah. Those inventory units shown on the map without shading have been identified as containing public lands that clearly and obviously do not meet the criteria for further wilderness review. Green shaded inventory units may meet the criteria and will require more intensive inventory to determine whether they are in fact of wilderness character. Areas shaded in brown have already undergone an intensive inventory for such special projects as IPP, and have been designated as Wilderness Study Areas. Several other categories which are still in special project inventory status are also shown.

*Please note: Inventory units crossing state lines are interstate units. The final status of these units cannot be fully determined until each of the other states has received and analyzed all comments relating to these units. The map depicts the results of comments received on the Utah portion of the interstate units. Until the respective state determines the wilderness characteristics of a unit and announces a decision on these units, the status of the interstate unit is not final.*

During a 90-day public review and comment period from April 4, 1979, through July 2, 1979, we received 7,000 comments on the proposals. These public comments brought out new information which caused changes from the original proposal. Only those units that changed status are discussed in this booklet along with those units which received a number of comments, but which did not change status. In Utah we are now in the second part of phase I of the BLM Wilderness Program (the intensive inventory). The same criteria will be used as was during the initial inventory; however, during the intensive, there will be a much more in-depth on-the-ground inventory of the units. Public participation and involvement will be sought throughout this part of the program.

Sincerely yours,

*William G. Leavell*

William G. Leavell  
Associate State Director

Save Energy and You Serve America!



IN REPLY REFER TO:

### PUBLIC COMMENT SUMMARY

BLM received 7,000 comments from 1,600 people on 296 units - statewide. Of these, 630 were general comments (contained no specific information).

Total initial inventory units (does not include special project units) - 871.

Number of inventory units originally recommended for intensive inventory - 169.

Number of inventory units to be added back into the intensive inventory as a result of public comment - 7.

Number of inventory units to be dropped as "clear and obvious" as a result of public comment - 19.

Number of inventory units which will receive boundary adjustments as a result of public comment - 37.

### Specific Comments: (by district)

Cedar City District: (218 inventory units within District involved in initial inventory)  
297 persons commented providing 3,331 comments on 65 units.

Vernal District: (95 inventory units within District involved in initial inventory)  
49 persons, commented providing 172 comments on 57 units.

Moab District: (229 inventory units within District involved in initial inventory)  
569 persons commented providing 2,250 comments on 129 units.

Salt Lake District: (153 inventory units within District involved in initial inventory)  
61 persons commented providing 154 comments on 17 units.

Richfield District: (176 inventory units within District involved in initial inventory)  
119 persons commented providing 463 comments on 28 units.

	Acres - Added, or Deleted	Acres to be Intensively Inventoryed	Acres Originally Recommended for Intensive Inventory	Acres Originally Included in Initial Inventory
Utah	-942,159	5,427,621	6,359,669	20,064,748
Salt Lake District	-26,060	727,608	753,668	3,258,647
Cedar City District	+104,282	1,502,380	1,298,098	4,476,775
Richfield District	-588,540	1,119,430	1,707,970	4,787,120
Moab District	-379,951	1,330,545	2,210,496	5,799,511
Vernal District	-51,890	237,547	289,437	1,742,694

INITIAL WILDERNESS INVENTORY FINAL DECISION  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT  
PUBLIC LANDS ADMINISTERED BY BLM IN UTAH

INTRODUCTION

This report of the final decision on the Initial Wilderness Inventory of public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management in Utah and contains narrative summaries of each initial inventory unit where the final decision is a change from what was proposed. This report is accompanied by a statewide map showing all units inventoried during the initial phase.

This report and associated map includes final decisions on lands that:

May possibly meet the criteria and will require more intensive inventory or have been dropped from more intensive inventory.

The summaries in this report are numbered to correspond to numbered areas appearing on the state-wide initial inventory map. (Although each summary is a separate and individual document, it can be more readily understood if read in conjunction with the map.) The map has been divided into districts. Underneath the district name is a prefix number that applied to all units in that district. When corresponding the inventory unit number in the report to the map, it is necessary to prefix this district number to the individual inventory unit number.

District prefix numbers:

020 - Salt Lake District - Summaries begin on page--- 1  
040 - Cedar City District - Summaries begin on page-- 6  
050 - Richfield District - Summaries begin on page---29  
060 - Moab District - Summaries begin on page-----35  
080 - Vernal District - Summaries begin on page-----44

Only public lands administered by BLM are considered in the wilderness inventory process.

Recent ownership changes may not appear on the map.

CLASS I AIR QUALITY DESIGNATION?

Many people have expressed concern about air quality standards associated with wilderness areas. An area designated as wilderness after 1977 will not automatically be designated as a Class I air quality area (ref. Clean Air Act Amendments of 1977). These wilderness areas will be Class II unless state governors request air quality redesignations.

WILDERNESS REVIEW

The wilderness review process has three phases: inventory, study, and submission of a report to Congress. Public involvement is provided for in all phases of the process, including opportunity for comment, participation and review.

Phase 1 Inventory. First BLM conducts initial and then intensive inventories on the public lands to identify areas that meet the definition of wilderness established by Congress. Such areas are then identified as Wilderness Study Areas (WSA's).

Phase 2 Study. Next, BLM studies each WSA using the BLM land-use planning system to analyze all values, resources and uses within the WSA. The findings of the study determine whether the area will be recommended as suitable or unsuitable for designation as wilderness.

In this phase wilderness, other uses, resources and values will be thoroughly examined. During the study BLM will actively solicit comments on these topics.

Phase 3 Reporting. When the study has been completed, a recommendation as to whether the WSA is suitable or unsuitable for designation as wilderness is submitted through the Secretary of the Interior and the President to Congress. Reports on all WSA's must be submitted by October 21, 1991.

ONLY CONGRESS CAN DESIGNATE AN AREA AS PART OF THE NATIONAL WILDERNESS PRESERVATION SYSTEM.

On September 27, 1978, BLM published the Wilderness Inventory Handbook, Policy Direction, Procedures, and Guidance for Conducting Wilderness Inventory of the Public Lands, detailing the guidelines for the Wilderness Inventory Process. Copies of this book have been distributed. It is available from the Utah State Office and BLM District Offices throughout the state. The handbook is made a part of this report by reference.

In the BLM Wilderness Program only inventory is completed without consideration of other uses of the land. The wilderness inventory is only for the purpose of determining the presence of wilderness characteristics. It is on that basis that wilderness study areas will be identified. The comparison of wilderness values with other resource values is not part of the wilderness inventory process. It is a valid and necessary part of phase two study. When we enter phase two, the latter part of 1980, it will be imperative for us to consider and resolve whether the orderly development or wise preservation within the National Wilderness Preservation System, is the best use of these wilderness study areas. This will be determined through the BLM planning system.



Upon completion of the 90-day review period, BLM will evaluate all public comments and formally identify those public lands found not qualified for intensive inventories and publish these results about July 1979. This formal identification of those public lands that do not meet the criteria for later designation as wilderness study areas will remove them from the restrictions imposed by Section 603, Federal Land Policy and Management Act.

IDENTIFICATION AS A WILDERNESS STUDY AREA (WSA) DOES NOT MEAN THAT THE AREA WILL BE DESIGNATED WILDERNESS.

#### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN BLM WILDERNESS INVENTORY

Director Frank Gregg has set the tenor for BLM wilderness processes:

"The wilderness program and interim management policy should be in context with BLM policy of multiple use and sustained yield. The first responsibility of Bureau personnel is to establish conditions under which all users at every level can participate in decision making. The basic thrust is a team approach where all resource interests can participate. The concept of wilderness forever is a serious philosophical commitment. Integrity is the key. Public involvement has to be genuine."

In full accord with the Director, Utah BLM's public involvement program for statewide wilderness inventory is designated specifically to treat the public--general, governmental and organization--as a part of BLM and not as an adjunct to the program. At each stage of the process, steps are being identified to ensure full public knowledge, involvement and participation.

Those interested are invited to note the following wilderness program schedule in Utah:

12/1/78	Districts started initial inventory
3/79	Initial inventory completed
4/79	BLM State Director announces proposed decision and initiates 90-day public comment period.
8/79	State Director announces final decision on initial inventory units; areas not listed for further study are released from restrictions imposed by Section 603 of FLPMA.
2/80	Districts complete intensive inventory.
4/80	State Director announces proposed Wilderness Study Areas (WSA's) and initiates 90-day public comment period.

9/80 State Director announces proposed Wilderness Study Areas (WSA's) and initiates 90-day public comment period.

10/80-1991 WSA's evaluated through Bureau planning system and recommendations reported to the President.

Statutory Deadlines: To President - October 1991  
To Congress - October 1993

#### SPECIAL CATEGORIES

##### A. SPECIAL PROJECTS

Prior to the time that the Bureau-wide wilderness inventory is completed, there has been a need to make decisions on special projects which must include consideration of wilderness resources to meet the requirements of Section 603 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act. The Intermountain Power Project, Prairie Canyon and Dirty Devil projects are in this special category. These areas are shown on the statewide inventory map.

##### B. INSTANT STUDY AREAS (ISA'S)

The law states that wilderness recommendations on all public land areas formally designated as natural or primitive areas prior to November 1, 1975, will be reported to the President by July 1, 1980. There are 11 areas in Utah meeting this requirement. These areas are also shown on the statewide inventory map.

Area Name	Original Designation	Approx. Acreage
1. Bookcliffs	Natural Area	400
2. Grand Gulch	Primitive Area	40,000
3. Link Flats	Natural Area	792
4. Dark Canyon	Primitive Area	74,317
5. Devil's Garden	Natural Area	640
6. Joshua Tree	Natural Area	1,040
7. North Escalante Cyn.	Natural Area	5,800
8. The Gulch	Natural Area	3,430
9. Phipps-Death Hollow	Natural Area	34,300
10. Escalante Canyon	Natural Area	1,160
11. Paria Canyon	Primitive Area	8,726

#### INTERIM MANAGEMENT

Congress also requires that BLM manage all public lands which meet the wilderness criteria in such a way as to not impair their suitability for wilderness preservation until Congress designates such areas as part of the National Wilderness Preservation System, or denies such wilderness designation by legislative action.

BLM's Draft Interim Management Policy and Proposed Surface Management Regulations were issued for public review and comment January 12, 1979. Two key features are: (1) BLM will manage the public lands so that other resource use activities may continue with minimum interruption during the wilderness review process; (2) Lands identified as meeting the roadless and wilderness characteristics criteria will be managed in accordance with the law to prevent their impairment for potential wilderness designation.

The guiding principle of this management is that the impact an activity has on the land's potential for wilderness designation, and not a particular activity, will be measured to determine if the activity will be allowed or regulated.

Copies of the Draft "Interim Management Policy and Guidelines for Wilderness Study Areas" and Proposed Surface Management Regulations are available from the Utah State Office and BLM district offices.

#### THE INTENSIVE INVENTORY

##### Guidelines to Help You Participate

BLM in Utah is currently in the second part of phase I (the intensive inventory). Its purpose is to obtain the information necessary to make a determination for each inventory unit included as to whether all (or part of them) have or don't have the roadless and wilderness characteristic criteria required for Wilderness Study Area identification. This information will be the basis for recommendations by the district managers to the BLM State Director.

During the intensive inventory, the public is invited to participate in field inventories, workshops or meetings. Each BLM district will publish a schedule of its field inventories. All comments or questions by the public concerning the intensive inventory should be directed to the BLM district that manages the unit being discussed.

Realizing that the guidelines of the inventory are subject to contradictory interpretation, in the following pages we describe the criteria used during the intensive inventory. This is basically the same criteria that was used during the initial inventory, however, now there will be a much more in-depth inventory done on the units.

##### Guidelines to Help You Comment

Please use these criteria when agreeing or disagreeing with the units identified on Utah's Intensive Wilderness Inventory Map and submitting information to us. We need information that will adjust or delete unit based on these factors. It is this information that will help identify units having wilderness potential and later be proposed as wilderness study areas. Also, those units (or portions of units) not meeting this criteria will, in September 1980, be released from the restrictions imposed by Section 603 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act.

When submitting site specific information, please refer to the inventory unit number for that unit as shown on our Intensive Wilderness Inventory Map.

The guidelines in the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the Wilderness Act describe the criteria which will be applied during the intensive inventory to those roadless areas identified in the initial inventory as potential Wilderness Study Areas.

Because you will need to take advantage of this field season, we feel it is imperative that you have all inventory criteria, so that when in September 1980 our combined evaluation of the public lands in Utah is completed, only those lands with wilderness characteristics as directed in our Congressional guidelines, will be designated as Wilderness Study Areas. You will have ample opportunity during the second 90-day review to comment on this criteria.

We have described the use of the information provided on these pages and we emphasize that they should be viewed as a supplemental tool to the wilderness inventory handbook and legislative documents to facilitate your thinking.

We are well aware of your concerns for final outcome of this review. We also realize it will be difficult not to try to get ahead of the process and address phase two, study, and phase three, reporting, before we have completed phase one, inventory.

Only if we approach this one step at a time, will we be able to avoid confusion, unnecessary conflict, and complete a quality inventory of the wilderness potential of the public lands administered by BLM.

#### CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS

##### ROADLESS

*"The word 'roadless' refers to the absence of roads which have been improved and maintained by mechanical means to insure relatively regular and continuous use. A way maintained solely by the passage of vehicles does not constitute a road."*

(This language is quoted exactly from the legislative history of FLPMA, the House of Representatives Report 94-1163, page 17, May 15, 1976. It is the only statement regarding the definition of a road in the law or legislative history.)

Do you know of any roads within one of the units we identified as roadless, or

Do you know of roads or ways in which our application of the "roadless" definition is not accurate?

If so, the following information will help us:

1. Show location of roads (on map).

2. Define type of improvement associated with road.

A. When was the road constructed? How?

B. Are there permanent structures associated with the road?  
(i.e., cattle guards, water bars, gates, etc.)

C. What type of maintenance is used to keep road open?

1. Dates (regular/seasonal).

2. Hand tools.

3. Power machinery or tools.

3. Description of road/physical appearance (i.e., grass in center berms on sides, ruts, cuts and fills, erosion and/or bedrock visible).

4. Describe use of road.

A. Purpose - what is road used for?

B. Frequency of use (i.e., daily/monthly/yearly, only as needed).

SIZE

"...shall review those roadless areas of five thousand acres or more and roadless islands of the public lands, identified during the inventory required by Section 201(a) of this Act as having wilderness characteristics described in the Wilderness Act of September 3, 1964 . . ."

Federal Land Policy and Management Act - 1976

NATURALNESS

"...generally appears to have been affected primarily by the forces of nature with the imprint of man's work substantially unnoticeable. . ."

Wilderness Act - 1964

In the intensive inventory we will consider all factors for noticeability to man's general effect on the natural character of the land.

You can help us by telling us the location on a map and size of man-made improvements (physical structures) associated with uses such as:

Mines	Reservoirs	Towers
Cabins	Check Dams	Other
Fences	Buildings	

and improvements associated with existing uses, such as:

Leases  
(i.e., grazing, oil and gas, geothermal, coal, etc.)

Rights-of-way  
(i.e., railroads, ditches, powerlines, pipelines, telephones)

Vegetative manipulations, such as:

Reseeding	Forestry Work
Spraying	Range Improvements
Chaining	Watershed (planting grass, soil stabilization)
Other	

Other existing uses such as:

Christmas Tree Cutting	Livestock Operations
Rockhounding	Other
ORV	

POSSIBILITY OF THE AREA RETURNING TO A NATURAL CONDITION

In the intensive inventory when we are evaluating man-made objects that detract from the naturalness of the character of the land, we will also be evaluating whether the land can return or be returned to a substantially unnoticeable level either by natural processes or by hand labor.

SOLITUDE OR A PRIMITIVE AND UNCONFINED TYPE OF RECREATION

"Has outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation . . ."

Wilderness Act - 1964

Solitude

In terms of the physical setting we need to know features that give or detract from solitude as:

1. Vegetative screening - does the area have diversity of grasses, trees, shrubs? If so, in what ways? How thick are these areas of vegetation?
2. Topographic features.
3. Configuration of area.
4. Size in comparison to topographic features.
5. Vastness versus intimacy.

Primitive and Unconfined Type Of Recreation

Examples of primitive and unconfined types of recreation are:

Hiking, backpacking, fishing, hunting, spelunking, horseback riding, mountain or rock climbing, river running, cross country skiing, snowshoeing, dog sledding, photography, bird watching, canoeing, kayaking, sailing and sightseeing for botanical, zoological, or geological features.

For each outstanding opportunity for recreation activity to which an area lends itself (future opportunity besides present use), identify the location on a map and supply data on seasons and current amount of use the area is receiving if available.

#### SUPPLEMENTAL VALUES

" . . . ecological, geological, or other features of scientific, educational, scenic, or historical value."

#### Wilderness Act - 1964

The presence or lack of supplemental values, such as ecological, geological or other features of scientific, educational, scenic or historical importance will probably not drop or add an inventory unit from wilderness consideration.

However, it is important that the presence or absence of these types of features in an area be noted, especially their location.

This information will be valuable in phase two, study. Using the BLM planning system, these supplemental values can be protected and managed to preserve and enhance their uniqueness under other administrative procedures.

Again, we need this information in map form.

#### SALT LAKE DISTRICT SUMMARIES

<u>UT-020-037</u>	<u>Newfoundland Mountains</u>	Original acreage	23,266
		Final adjusted acreage	23,266

Action Taken: Place unit in intensive inventory.

Rationale: Public comments were overwhelming against the Newfoundland Mountains advancing into the intensive phase of the wilderness inventory. Written comments pointed out mining and ranching roads, "ways", structures, and water developments which obviously detract from wilderness potential. A followup field trip found that though man's imprints are evident, many of those imprints are within private and state lands, or lie outside the unit boundary. A more intensive inventory must be undertaken to identify more clearly the wilderness potential (or lack of same) in Unit 037.

<u>UT-020-040</u>	<u>Silver Island Mountains</u>	Original acreage	57,446
		Final adjusted acreage	3 Units
		Unit 040 A	16,510
		Unit 040 B	25,041
		Unit 040 C	6,755

Action Taken: Subdivide unit on roads--intensively inventory three subunits and drop 9,140 acres.

Rationale: Written comments specifically pointed out roads in the unit which show signs of having been maintained on a regular basis. Using the on-site and written comments and the following investigation of same, three separate units were formed from the original Silver Island Mountain Unit. In doing so, 9,140 acres which clearly and obviously do not meet 2c criteria (lack of naturalness and lack of size) are dropped from further wilderness consideration.

<u>UT-020-042</u>	<u>North Salt Desert</u>	Original acreage	399,848
		Final adjusted acreage	376,168

Action Taken: Retain in intensive inventory with boundary adjustment.

Rationale: Public comment by the Kaiser Aluminum and Chemical Corporation and others, outlined a series of collection ditches, powerlines, pumping facilities and the access "ways" by which the above are maintained.

A powerline, pumping station and both dikes, totaling over 12 miles in length, as well as the extracted material, which was removed to create those dikes and which parallel the 12 plus miles of dikes at a varying height of from 10 to 20 feet, are visible evidence of man's work on the lakebed and serve as a barrier to naturalness and to all those who wish to pass through that portion of the unit.

As a direct result of the investigation of the Kaiser comment, another dike or water impoundment was found directly north of the Kaiser operation. The dike does remain and does detract from wilderness character adjacent to the state land.

UT-020-044	No Name	Original acreage 3,774
UT-020-046	No Name	Original acreage 3,913
UT-020-050	No Name	Original acreage 6,379

Action Taken: None.

Rationale: These three units are three of the fourteen units bordering contiguous public land in Nevada's Elko District. The Elko District has the lead in determining wilderness inventory status for these units. Public comments received in this office referring to these units have been sent to the Elko District Office for evaluation.

UT-020-060	<u>North Deep Creek</u>	Original acreage 66,049
		Final adjusted acreage 61,778

Action Taken: Retain in intensive inventory with boundary adjustment.

Rationale: Public comments led wilderness personnel to investigate further the roads and "ways" along the west side of this unit. The road winding south from Ibapah was found to be maintained beyond the point of field investigation in the summer of 1978. This road and others which penetrate into the unit and the numerous "ways" into mining operations significantly detract from naturalness in the south-western corner of the North Deep Creek Unit.

UT-020-081	<u>Carrington Island</u>	Original acreage 1,245
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Action Taken: None.

Rationale: This unit was not recommended in April to remain in the wilderness inventory. Public comment recommended that the unit again be evaluated and placed back into the inventory process. An on-site follow-up reinforced BLM's earlier recommendation that the unit not be considered further in the BLM wilderness review.

The relief of the island is so slight that only one party or perhaps two, might find solitude in some recreational capacity. Additionally, the natural profile of the unit has been subjected to bombing (with explosives) an unfortunate turn that served the WW II war effort, that clearly and obviously left a landscape characteristic of man's imprint in extreme.

UT-020-087	<u>North Cedar Mountains</u>	Original acreage 16,089
		Final adjusted acreage 16,089

Action Taken: Retain in intensive inventory.

Rationale: The unit was not changed and will be intensively inventoried. Mines and associated roads and "ways" were found; "mild relief" and "lack of vegetation" were recorded and the interior of the unit was hiked on foot. Agreement was clear and obvious: primarily, the interior of the unit is unintruded; man's imprints are not visible. A peripheral road is well maintained and gives rise to numerous "ways." Mining along the border unit is active in the southern portion of the unit.

UT-020-089	<u>North Stansbury Mountains</u>	Original acreage 23,678
		Final adjusted acreage 23,258

Action Taken: Retain in intensive inventory with boundary adjustment.

Rationale: Public comment and documentation shows by description and photographs that a road (the old county road) exists on the western edge of the unit. Field verification found that the road was more than a "way" and should be considered so the unit is slightly altered.

UT-020-094	<u>Cedar Mountains</u>	Original acreage 63,610
		Final adjusted acreage 63,610

Action Taken: Retain in intensive inventory.

Rationale: It was verified that a road does circumvent the unit; mining has taken place and is currently taking place in the unit. The area is very stark and un hospitable, no streams, no lakes, no campsites, no scenic beauty.

The vast size of the unit seems to mask the majority of all recorded intrusions and imprints. Naturalness does exist; the extent is as yet unknown. Solitude and primitive and unconfined recreation opportunities are questionable.

Intensive inventory should reveal a more accurate interpretation of wilderness potential in this unit.

UT-020-098	<u>South Cedar Mountains</u>	Original acreage 48,046
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Action Taken: None.

Rationale: This unit was not recommended in April to remain in the wilderness inventory. Public comment recommended that the unit again be evaluated and placed back into the inventory process. An on-site follow-up reinforced BLM's earlier recommendation that the unit not be considered further in the wilderness review.

A multiplicity of man's activities within the unit severely restricts the potential for solitude and an opportunity for a primitive and unconfined type of recreation. The unit is narrow, restrictive and offers little or no outstanding solitude.

UT-020-101	<u>Big Creek Canyon</u>	Original acreage 3,941
		Final adjusted acreage 3,941

Action Taken: Retain in intensive inventory with boundary adjustment.

Rationale: Public comment outlined in specific detail (narrative and photograph) that indeed wilderness criteria is questionable in the western end of this unit. Because the USFS Stansbury proposal has reached Congress, BLM feels it needs to intensively inventory this unit since it is contiguous to the RARE 04-757 proposal. A complete inventory will be undertaken.

UT-020-105      Big Hollow      Original acreage 11,245

Action Taken: Drop from intensive inventory.

Rationale: Public comments, plus a change in the USFS RARE II Proposal, 04-757, form the basis for changing the Big Hollow Unit. Field investigation revealed that the Big Hollow Road is maintained at least to the USFS boundary at the mouth of Big Hollow Canyon. Further confirmation was made of the existence of "ways", waterlines, fences with wide, firebreak clearances inside the unit, and a powerline which borders the unit to the south. Naturalness is clearly and obviously impaired in the eastern half of Unit 105.

The USFS contiguous lands, RARE II, 40-757, on the south side of Unit 105, has been recommended for "further study" and at this time is not anticipated (by the Wasatch National Forest) to be placed back into a proposed wilderness status.

UT-020-111      Onaqui Mountains      Original acreage 60,018  
Final adjusted acreage 60,018

Action Taken: Retain in intensive inventory.

Rationale: Public comment noted some intrusions. All leads were followed and BLM decided that evidence was found lacking to provide adequate justification to alter this unit. It will undergo the intensive phase of the wilderness inventory.

UT-020-129      Dugway Range      Original acreage 20,638  
Final adjusted acreage 20,638

Action Taken: Add to intensive inventory.

Rationale: Public comment received for this unit recommended placing it back into the wilderness inventory system. Though mining activity at the north end of the unit has been heavy in the past, the evidence of man's development is isolated along that boundary. The remainder of the unit is free of man's development. An investigative response to public comment confirmed that the Dugway Mountains should undergo intensive inventory to determine if they "clearly and obviously" lack solitude as suggested in the initial recommendation last April.

UT-020-136      South Simpson Mountains      Original acreage 21,043

Action Taken: None.

Rationale: This unit was not recommended in April to remain in the wilderness inventory. Public comments recommended that the unit again be evaluated and placed back into the inventory process. An on-site follow-up reinforced BLM's earlier recommendation that the unit not be considered further in the wilderness inventory.

Mining and ranching and their associated roads, "ways", buildings and water improvements are substantially noticeable throughout. Naturalness and outstanding solitude are fragmented by the accumulation of man's works.

UT-020-153      North Simpson Mountains      Original acreage 25,003

Action Taken: None.

Rationale: This unit was not recommended in April to remain in the wilderness inventory. Public comments recommended that the unit again be evaluated and placed back into the inventory process. An on-site follow-up reinforced BLM's earlier recommendation that the unit not be considered further in the wilderness inventory. A follow-up by the Bureau soon found that the Mountains in the North Simpson Mountains Unit are a single ridgeline surrounded on all sides by either roads, campgrounds, burn areas, reseeding projects and evidences of past and present mining and ranching activities. Man's imprint is evident, limiting natural and primeval character to pockets of no more than a few acres in size. Solitude is difficult to find in the disturbed and intruded canyon bottoms or on the exposed, poorly vegetated ridges.

## CEDAR CITY DISTRICT SUMMARIES

UT-040-041      No Name      Original acreage 24,659  
Final adjusted acreage 14,134

Action Taken: Subunit boundaries are maintained. Initial proposals for Subunits 041A and 041B are not changed. Subunit 041C clearly and obviously lacks wilderness character and is dropped from wilderness inventory.

Rationale: No comments were received which disagreed with the subunit boundaries of this unit. No comments addressed the proposal that Subunit 040-041A clearly and obviously lacked wilderness characteristics. A comment mistakenly referred to intrusions in 041B that are located in Subunit 041A. A comment referred to intrusions located in 041B that were actually identified in 041C. These comments indicate that these intrusions do substantially impair the naturalness of Subunit 041C. These comments were verified and it was concluded that the comments were an accurate assessment of these intrusions. The analysis therefore indicates that the 041A proposal that this subunit clearly and obviously lacks wilderness character should be sustained. The analysis also indicated that the proposal to submit Subunit 041B to Intensive Inventory should be sustained. Analysis also indicated that the proposal to submit Subunit 041C to Intensive Inventory is not justified and that this subunit clearly and obviously lacks wilderness characteristics.

UT-040-061      Steep Creek      Original acreage 33,923  
Final adjusted acreage 24,764

Action Taken: Retain in intensive inventory with boundary adjustment.

Rationale: The majority of the comments did not contain additional information which would substantiate a change.

Several comments indicate the unit is natural and provides opportunities for solitude and primitive, unconfined recreation. A comment noted intrusions in the eastern part of the unit, but a large area is in a natural state. Many of the comments also favorably compared this unit to the Instant Study Areas in the Escalante region.

Other comments state private and state lands detract from the naturalness of the unit. The "deserted village" mentioned in the comments is on private land. Since only BLM-administered lands are being inventoried, this information cannot be used in evaluating the unit. Other comments also mention roads extending from the Burr Trail into the area and man's imprint is clearly noticeable.

The eastern portion of the unit, 9,159 acres, contains many significant intrusions and clearly and obviously lacks wilderness characteristics. This area should be dropped from intensive inventory.

The remainder of the unit does not clearly and obviously lack wilderness characteristics and will be studied in the Intensive Inventory.

UT-040-062      Onion Flats      Original acreage 2,038  
Final adjusted acreage 2,038

Action Taken: None

Rationale: The majority of the comments did not contain additional information which would substantiate a change.

A comment stated the unit has been greatly impacted and the unit cannot meet the naturalness criterion of the Wilderness Act, while another comment recommended the area for further study but did not provide information to support the recommendation. Unit is dropped from wilderness inventory.

UT-040-063      White Canyon Flat      Original Acreage 1,416  
Final adjusted acreage 1,416

Action Taken: None

Rationale: Comments received on this unit, support the Initial Inventory recommendation to drop the unit from further study and one recommended the area for further study.

Comments state the unit has been impacted by roads, "ways", seedings, and mineral exploration so the unit cannot meet the naturalness criterion of the Wilderness Act.

Other comments recommend the area for further study but do not provide information to support the recommendation. Unit is dropped from wilderness review.

UT-040-064      Studhorse Peaks      Original Acreage 1,396  
Final adjusted Acreage 1,396

Action Taken: None

Rationale: Comments received on this unit, supports the Initial Inventory recommendation to drop the unit from intensive inventory while another recommends the area for further study.

Comments state the unit has been greatly impacted by roads, "ways", seedings, and mineral exploration so the unit cannot meet the naturalness criterion of the Wilderness Act.

Other comments recommend the area for further study but did not provide information to support the recommendation. Unit is dropped from wilderness inventory.

UT-040-067      Salt Cabin Spring      Original Acreage 10,998  
Final Adjusted Acreage 10,998



Action Taken: None.

Rationale: The comment received requests that this unit be reconsidered for Intensive Inventory. The comment did not specifically address this unit, but rather refers to the unit in general. Unit is dropped from wilderness inventory.

<u>UT-040-068</u>	<u>No Name</u>	Original Acreage	18,484
		Final Adjusted Acreage	18,484

Action Taken: None

Rationale: The comment received requests that this unit be reconsidered for Intensive Inventory. The comment did not specifically address the unit, but refers to the unit in general. Unit is dropped from wilderness inventory.

<u>UT-040-069</u>	<u>White Canyon</u>	Original Acreage	22,678
		Final Adjusted Acreage	22,678

Action Taken: None

Rationale: The comments received concerning this unit, both supports the Initial Inventory recommendation to drop the unit from further study and recommends the area for intensive inventory.

A comment states the unit has been greatly impacted by roads, "ways", seedings, and mineral exploration so the unit cannot meet the naturalness criterion of the Wilderness Act, while another comment recommends the area for intensive inventory but does not provide information to support the recommendation. Unit is dropped from wilderness inventory.

<u>UT-040-070</u>	<u>Wagon Box Mesa</u>	Original Acreage	3,512
		Final Adjusted Acreage	3,512

Action Taken: None

Rationale: The comments received concerning this unit states the unit has been greatly impacted by roads, "ways", and mineral exploration and the unit cannot meet the naturalness criterion of the Wilderness Act, while another comment recommends the unit for further study but does not provide information to support the recommendation.

Other comments state "man's works minimal" within the unit. Existing information indicates intrusions within the unit are substantially noticeable over much of the unit. Unit is dropped from wilderness inventory.

<u>UT-040-071</u>	<u>Moody Creek</u>	Original Acreage	1,678
		Final Adjusted Acreage	1,678

Action Taken: None

Rationale: Several comments received supported the Initial Inventory recommendation to drop the unit from further study while another recommended the area for further study. No information was provided to support the latter recommendation. Unit is dropped from wilderness inventory.

<u>UT-040-074</u>	<u>Colt Mesa</u>	Original Acreage	19,920
		Final Adjusted Acreage	19,920

Action Taken: Retain in Intensive Inventory.

Rationale: The majority of the comments did not contain additional information.

A comment stated the unit contains a small mine and a dirt road to it but the unit is largely undisturbed. Another comment states the unit has no chainings like other units to the north and is contiguous to the Capitol Reef National Park Wilderness Proposal and should be reviewed in the Intensive Inventory.

Another comment stated the unit "has been impacted by some mineral exploration and roading" and "may not possess sufficient wilderness qualities for Intensive Inventory". The comments expressed doubt as to whether or not the unit possesses wilderness characteristics, but this information is not definitive to change the status of the unit.

<u>UT-040-075</u>	<u>Horse Spring Canyon</u>	Original Acreage	32,203
		Final Adjusted Acreage	32,203

Action Taken: Retain in Intensive Inventory.

Rationale: The majority of the comments did not contain information to substantiate a change.

Comments state the size and topography of the unit minimizes the impact of intrusions in the unit and difficulty of access increase the possibilities of solitude while others state most intrusions are near the boundary and the majority of the unit is unimpaired.

A comment indicates there are "significant imprints of man's work" from mineral exploration and grazing. However, maps submitted show intrusions near the boundary. It also states the unit lacks opportunities for solitude or primitive, unconfined recreation.

Another comment indicates this unit is the only access for harvesting timber from Canaan Mountain. Alternate land uses are not considered during the inventory phase, therefore, this cannot be used to evaluate the unit at this time.

Conflicts between the comments and existing information indicate this area does not clearly and obviously lack wilderness characteristics and the unit is retained for Intensive Inventory.



UT-040-076      Carcass Canyon

Original Acreage    80,586  
Final Adjusted Acreage    76,410

Action Taken: Retain in intensive inventory with boundary adjustment.

Rationale: The majority of the comments did not contain additional information to substantiate their comment.

Several comments indicate much of the area is natural and provides opportunities for solitude and primitive, unconfined recreation.

Several detailed comments state the unit has been extensively scarred by oil and coal exploration and livestock grazing. However, maps submitted shows significant portions of the unit unimpaired. These comments also state the unit lacks outstanding opportunities for solitude or primitive, unconfined recreation. Because of the information submitted it cannot be determined the unit clearly and obviously lacks wilderness characteristics.

Existing information documents that the chainings on Camp Flat and Collet Top along the western boundary clearly and obviously lack wilderness characteristics. These chainings are released from further study but the remainder of the unit is retained for Intensive Inventory.

UT-040-077      Mud Spring Canyon

Original Acreage    73,233  
Final Adjusted Acreage    64,400

Action Taken: Retain in intensive inventory with boundary adjustment.

Rationale: The comments identified information about intrusions. The effect of existing developments upon the natural character of the unit is interpreted by some as having little impact and by others as having a substantial impact. A number of comments listed intrusions in a very general way with no reference to location. A portion of the unit including and to the west of the Sigurd-Glen Canyon power line right-of-way contains imprints of man which are substantially noticeable. This portion of the unit is dropped from further inventory.

A significant portion of the unit appears to be undeveloped, and since the unit is large and of rugged and varied topography, it is important to know the location of intrusions in order to assess their impact. Lack of such information and doubt about the effect of actual intrusions requires the remainder of the unit be intensively inventoried.

UT-040-078      Death Ridge

Original Acreage    72,193  
Final Adjusted Acreage    66,244

Action Taken: Retain in intensive inventory with boundary adjustment.

Rationale: The majority of the comments did not contain information to substantiate much change.

Several comments stated the unit is largely free from the effects of man and offers opportunities for solitude, isolation, and primitive, unconfined recreation. Others stated that with the exception of the boundary road there are almost no other intrusions of any significance in the unit.

A comment disagreed with the Initial Inventory recommendation, indicating the entire unit has been affected by coal exploration and livestock improvements, and that the unit offers opportunities for solitude and unconfined recreation, but not outstanding opportunities. Maps submitted with the comments showed a concentration of intrusions along the southern and eastern boundaries of the unit. The maps show a significant part of the unit as free from intrusions.

Information supplied by the comments indicate the seeding along the northern boundary and areas along the southern and eastern boundary clearly and obviously lack wilderness characteristics. This information also indicates the remainder of the unit does not clearly and obviously lack wilderness characteristics.

5,949 acres is clearly and obviously lacking wilderness characteristics and is released from intensive inventory. The remainder of the unit is retained for Intensive Inventory.

UT-040-079      Burning Hills

Original Acreage    74,982  
Final Adjusted Acreage    68,890

Action Taken: Retain in intensive inventory with boundary adjustment.

Rationale: Most comments submitted for this unit recognized that areas within the unit have been impacted primarily by mineral exploration activities. These intrusions occurring in the northern and western portions were previously identified. A detailed comment documented some past development in a portion of the unit, but the documentation was not comprehensive enough to show a significant impact of those developments upon the entire unit. A comment that most of the natural vegetation of the unit has been removed by chaining and reseeded is overstated. Several comments indicate that the Last Chance drainage and tributaries and the area east of Smokey Mountain are natural and unintruded.

UT-040-080      Fifty Mile Mountain

Original Acreage    180,254  
Final Adjusted Acreage    179,820

Action Taken: Retain in intensive inventory with boundary adjustment.

Rationale: Comments submitted provided no factual information. Though mineral exploration activities and associated impacts upon naturalness occur in the unit, they are not of the extent suggested in the comments. Rugged topography has

precluded the possibility of much of the development listed as existing by these comments. Other viewpoints acknowledge that portions of the unit have been impacted, but generally agree that development has been confined to areas not far from the unit boundary. The natural character of the area was mentioned by a number of comments as being substantially unaffected by man. With the exception of a small area in the northwest portion, the unit is to be intensively inventoried.

UT-040-081      Allen Dump      Original Acreage 23,028  
Final Adjusted Acreage 23,028

Action Taken: Retain in Intensive Inventory.

Rationale: The majority of the comments did not contain additional information.

Comments which supported the recommendation to study the unit in the Intensive Inventory say the unit is largely undisturbed and what appear to be the major intrusions are "ways", some of which receive little use and are beginning to revegetate naturally. Some of the comments stated the unit offers opportunities for unconfined recreation and solitude. It was also mentioned the unit should be studied further since it is contiguous to the Glen Canyon N.R.A. Wilderness Proposal.

Other comments indicate the unit has been impacted by several major roads which impair naturalness and divide the tract into areas which may be too small for further consideration.

There is discrepancy between the comments as to the impact of the intrusions. The area cannot be shown to clearly and obviously lack wilderness characteristics.

UT-040-084      Fortymile Ridge      Original Acreage 224  
Final Adjusted Acreage 224

Action Taken: Retain in Intensive Inventory.

Rationale: The majority of the comments did not contain additional information.

Comments indicate this unit should be studied further because it is contiguous to the Glen Canyon N.R.A. Wilderness Proposal while other comments state the area is less than 5,000 acres in size and does not exhibit the same degree of naturalness as the Glen Canyon N.R.A. However, existing information does not show any intrusions in the unit.

UT-040-085      Dance Hall Rock      Original Acreage 6,748  
Final Adjusted Acreage 6,748

Action Taken: Retain in Intensive Inventory.

Rationale: The majority of the comments did not contain additional information.

Comments indicate this unit is largely undisturbed and provides opportunities for primitive unconfined recreation and solitude. Other comments state intrusions seem to be mostly in the southwest corner of the unit and consist mostly of "ways"; the comments also states the "ways" have extensive vegetative cover.

Some of the comments state the unit should be studied further because it is contiguous to the Glen Canyon N.R.A. Wilderness Proposal while others say the unit does not exhibit the same degree of naturalness as Glen Canyon N.R.A.

UT-040-086      Fiftymile Bench      Original Acreage 12,712  
Final Adjusted Acreage 12,712

Action Taken: None

Rationale: All but one of the comments concerning this unit agree with the Initial Inventory recommendation to drop the area from further consideration indicating the unit has been impacted by roads, "ways", and mineral exploration so the unit cannot meet the naturalness criterion of the Wilderness Act. Other comments state the area does not exhibit the same degree of naturalness as the Glen Canyon N.R.A.

Another comment states the area, and along with ten other units, satisfy wilderness characteristics. The comment is so general and provides no specific information concerning this unit and does not justify changing the status of the unit. Unit is dropped from wilderness inventory.

UT-040-087      Sooner Water      Original Acreage 123  
Final Adjusted Acreage 123

Action Taken: Retain in Intensive Inventory.

Rationale: The comments on this unit include several units in a single statement. The majority of these comments recommend inclusion of the units in the Intensive Inventory because they have the naturalness characteristic and are contiguous to the Glen Canyon N.R.A. Wilderness Proposal. One comment does not make a recommendation, but states that intrusions which may be in the units may impair the wilderness suitability of entire units due to their small size.

None of the comments offer new information on the unit.

UT-040-088      Sooner Bench      Original Acreage 142  
Total Adjusted Acreage 142

Action Taken: Retain in Intensive Inventory.

Rationale: The comments include several units in a single statement. The majority of these comments recommend inclusion of the units in the Intensive Inventory because they have the naturalness characteristic and are contiguous to the Glen Canyon N.R.A. Wilderness Proposal. One comment does not make a recommendation, but states that intrusions which may be in the units may impair the wilderness suitability of entire units due to their small size.

None of the comments offer any new information on the unit.

<u>UT-040-089</u>	<u>Willow Gulch</u>	Original Acreage	259
		Final Adjusted Acreage	259

Action Taken: Retain in Intensive Inventory.

Rationale: The comments include several units in a single statement. The majority of these comments recommend inclusion of the units in the Intensive Inventory because they have the naturalness characteristic and are contiguous to the Glen Canyon N.R.A. Wilderness Proposal. One comment does not make a recommendation, but states that intrusions which may be in the units may impair the wilderness suitability of entire units due to their small size.

None of the comments offer any new information.

<u>UT-040-090</u>	<u>Cave Point</u>	Original Acreage	5,142
		Final Adjusted Acreage	5,142

Action Taken: Retain in Intensive Inventory.

Rationale: Several of the comments analyzed specifically address this unit. The remainder refer to this unit in general terms along with other units under one comment.

The majority of the comments favor inclusion of the unit in the Intensive Inventory. Several comments state the unit is mostly natural and another states the unit offers unconfined recreation opportunities. No new information was provided by the comments.

<u>UT-040-103</u>	<u>Steamboat Mtn.</u>	Original Acreage	42,537
		Final Adjusted Acreage	42,537

Action Taken: None

Rationale: A comment received requested that this unit be reconsidered for Intensive Inventory. It did not provide any information to support recommendation.

Since the comment did not supply information and it is the only comment received, this unit, is not changed. Unit is dropped from wilderness inventory.

<u>UT-040-104</u>	<u>Mountain Home Range</u>	Original Acreage	31,766
<u>UT-050-122</u>		Final Adjusted Acreage	19,726

Action Taken: Retain in intensive inventory with boundary adjustment.

Rationale: Comments indicate that there is "one road along the plateau which runs only about 1/3 of the way and then just drops off. Only other intrusions are in the valley area below the plateau where there are several roads. The rugged cliffs, particularly those on the west side of the plateau enhance the feeling of solitude. The dirt road which leads to the plateau, offers excellent hiking and backpacking." This also contained an analysis of supplemental scenic values.

Other comments indicate that the Initial Proposal has erred in excluding the area from further consideration on such grounds as adjoining land ownership, ways and ORV trails on units, irregular shape of units, vegetative screening, existence of structures and roads on adjoining lands; minor correctable intrusions on natural values (oil drilling sites, minor mining fencing or chaining).

The comments states that naturalness is not impaired in the Mountain Home Range portion because the roadway extends 1/3 of the way in the upper area and because it is the only intrusion in this area. The comments also state that the solitude characteristic is enhanced because of the cliffs and that excellent primitive recreation opportunities are present.

Comments also suggest that the summit roadway is a minor and correctable intrusion.

The Mountain Home Range will be intensively inventoried and the Hamlin Valley portion of the unit will be dropped from the wilderness inventory.

<u>UT-040-121</u>	<u>No Name</u>	Original Acreage	26,183
		Final Adjusted Acreage	26,183

Action Taken: None

Rationale: Comment stated that this unit be reconsidered for Intensive Inventory. No information was cited to change BLM's previous decision. Unit is dropped from wilderness inventory.

<u>UT-040-123</u>	<u>Cougar Canyon</u>	Original Acreage	10,568
		Final Adjusted Acreage	10,568

Action Taken: Retain in Intensive Inventory.

Rationale: Comment agreed with the Initial Inventory recommendation, stating that it retains much of the character of beautiful Pine Park, (an area in the adjacent Dixie National Forest.)

The unit is being considered in conjunction with contiguous Unit # NV-050-0166 in Nevada.

UT-040-124      Doc's Pass      Original Acreage    21,083  
Final Adjusted Acreage    21,083

Action Taken: Retain in Intensive Inventory.

Rationale: Comment refers to several roads and states that the unit does not appear to have any outstanding qualities. The "ways" referred to were documented in the Situation Evaluation and judged not to be substantial intrusions.

The unit is being considered in conjunction with contiguous Unit # NV-050-0143 in Nevada.

UT-040-127      No Name      Original Acreage    10,814  
Final Adjusted Acreage    10,814

Action Taken: None

Rationale: Comments received requests that this unit be reconsidered for Intensive Inventory. It did not provide information to support recommendation. Unit is dropped from wilderness inventory.

UT-040-128      No Name      Original Acreage    7,131  
Final Adjusted Acreage    7,131

Action Taken: None

Rationale: Comments received requests that this unit be reconsidered for Intensive Inventory. It did not provide information to support recommendation. Unit is dropped from wilderness inventory.

UT-040-129      Welcome Spring      Original Acreage    13,514  
Final Adjusted Acreage    13,514

Action Taken: None

Rationale: Comments received requests that this unit be reconsidered for Intensive Inventory. It did not provide information to support recommendation. Unit is dropped from wilderness inventory.

UT-040-132      Red Mountain      Original Acreage    20,260  
Final Adjusted Acreage    20,260

Action Taken: Retain in Intensive Inventory.

Rationale: Comments received do not provide information that would substantiate a change in status.

UT-040-134      Quail Draw      Original Acreage    2,635  
Final Adjusted Acreage    2,635

Action Taken: Retain this unit for Intensive Inventory, with the possibility that the unit's status may change when Arizona makes a final Initial Inventory decision.

Rationale: Comments in opposition to the Initial Inventory recommendation refer to and excavations; no documentation of these intrusions is offered.

The unit can only be considered in conjunction with Unit # AZ-1-73 in Arizona, and this decision may be altered when Arizona proposes its final Initial Inventory decision.

UT-040-135      East Mesa      Original Acreage    6,225  
Final Adjusted Acreage    6,225

Action Taken: Retain this unit for Intensive Inventory, with the possibility that the unit's status may change when Arizona makes a final Initial Inventory decision.

Rationale: Comments in opposition to the Initial Inventory recommendation refer to roads and excavations; no documentation of these intrusions is offered.

The unit is being considered in conjunction with Unit # AZ-1-72 in Arizona, and this decision may be altered when Arizona proposes its final Initial Inventory decision.

UT-040-136      Vermillion Castle      Original Acreage    9,900  
Final Adjusted Acreage    9,900

Action Taken: Retain in Intensive Inventory.

Rationale: Comments received do not provide information that would substantiate a change in status.

UT-040-138      Cottonwood Canyon      Original Acreage    14,396  
Final Adjusted Acreage    14,396

Action Taken: Retain this unit for Intensive Inventory, with the possibility that the unit's status may change when Arizona makes a final Initial Inventory decision.

Rationale: Comment notes that the map makes confirmation difficult, but it appears that the Warner Valley Power Plant site, a road to it, and a meteorological tower, are in the unit. The proposed plant site is not within this unit. The existence of the tower is not confirmed by available information. Comment goes on to refer to roads in the north and a lack of outstanding natural qualities.

The presence of "ways" is documented in the Situation Evaluation. No new information is offered in these comments.

The unit is being considered in conjunction with Unit # AZ-1-71, and this decision may be altered when Arizona proposes its final Initial Inventory decision.

UT-040-143      Canaan Mountain      Original Acreage 77,720  
Final Adjusted Acreage 77,720

Action Taken: Retain in Intensive Inventory.

Rationale: Comments support the Initial Inventory recommendation, citing high natural values and outstanding wilderness characteristics of the unit.

This unit will be inventoried in conjunction with Unit # AZ-1-41 in Arizona.

UT-040-145      Orderville Gulch      Original Acreage 6,820  
Final Adjusted Acreage 6,823

Action Taken: Retain the unit, contiguous with the Zion National Park Wilderness proposal, for Intensive Inventory.

Rationale: A comment refers to "a road which cuts unit 145 in half." There is a "way" which separates approximately the easternmost 1/6 of the unit from the main body of the unit. This in no way affects the suitability of the deep canyons contiguous to the Zion National Park Wilderness Proposal.

UT-040-146      Deep Creek      Original Acreage 7,302  
Final Adjusted Acreage 7,302

Action Taken: Retain this unit, contiguous with the Zion National Park Wilderness Proposal, for Intensive Inventory.

Rationale: A comment states that, "a road runs north-south along the rim of Deep Creek, going in and out of this very narrow unit." Ways penetrate the unit at four locations. This information was considered during the initial inventory and judged not to be a substantial intrusion.

UT-040-148      Quannarah      Original Acreage 4,569  
Final Adjusted Acreage 4,569

Action Taken: Retain this unit, contiguous with the Zion National Park Wilderness Proposal, for Intensive Inventory.

Rationale: A comment refers to the presence of Interstate 15 - U.S. 91, highways which are located beyond the western boundary of the unit, and a "well traveled road" on the east side, which is also outside the unit, on private lands.

New information was not presented in the comment.

UT-040-166      Granite Peak      Original Acreage 10,261  
Final Adjusted Acreage 10,261

Action Taken: None

Rationale: Comments received requests that this unit be reconsidered for Intensive Inventory. It did not provide information to support recommendation. Unit is dropped from wilderness inventory.

UT-040-197      Beaver Lake Mtns.      Original Acreage 10,635  
Final Adjusted Acreage 10,635

Action Taken: None

Rationale: Comment received requests that this unit be reconsidered for Intensive Inventory. It did not provide information to support recommendation. Unit is dropped from wilderness inventory.

UT-040-204B      Central Wah Wahs      Original Acreage 35,407  
Final Adjusted Acreage 35,407

Action Taken: Retain in Intensive Inventory.

Rationale: Comments refer to only three short penetrating "ways", or the fact that evidence of human activity outside of the unit is visible within the unit. This observation is not relevant to the inventory process.

Other comments refer to either a "way" that was considered in the initial inventory, jeep trails used to define the boundary, or a pipeline "way" that is not within the boundary of Subunit 204B.

Others refer to 60 miles of "roads", actually defined as "ways."

Comments received do not provide sufficient information that would substantiate a change in status. A reasonable doubt exists, therefore, the unit is retained for Intensive Inventory.

UT-040-205      Wah Wah Mountains      Original Acreage 14,191  
Final Adjusted Acreage 14,191

Action Taken: Retain in Intensive Inventory.

Rationale: Some comments on this unit are in agreement with the Initial Inventory recommendation. Others refer to roads and other intrusions, often in a very general manner. Many comments refer to sights and sounds external to the unit. No new information is provided.

This unit is being considered in conjunction with Unit # UT-050-073, in the Richfield District.

UT-040-216      White Rock Range

Original Acreage    6,429  
Final Adjusted Acreage    6,429

Action Taken: Retain the unit for Intensive Inventory, with the possibility that the unit's status may change when Nevada makes a final Initial Inventory decision.

Rationale: Comments in opposition to the Initial Inventory decision state that the area is roadless while another refers to at least two roads, a cabin, and old corrals. This contradiction indicates a need for Intensive Inventory.

The unit is being considered in conjunction with Unit # NV-040-202, and this decision may be altered when Nevada proposes its final Initial Inventory decision.

UT-040-217      Moquith Mountain

Original Acreage    15,880  
Final Adjusted Acreage    15,880

Action Taken: Retain in Intensive Inventory.

Rationale: Many of the man-made developments previously identified in this unit were also mentioned in the comments. A detailed comment showed intrusions as being more extensive than previously documented although, in most cases, these additional intrusions are not substantial developments. The significance of their impact upon the rest of the unit is not known. Other comments state that the "ways" and trails in the unit could quickly return to a natural state as a result of the sandy terrain throughout the area. Portions of the unit outside of the areas listed as developed are noted to have retained their natural character. The comments raise reasonable doubt about the effect of the intrusions upon the natural character of the unit. The unit is retained for Intensive Inventory.

UT-040-218      Bull Pasture

Original Acreage    5,668  
Final Adjusted Acreage    5,668

Action Taken: Retain in Intensive Inventory.

Rationale: Comments refer to sights and sounds exterior to the unit and to intrusions documented in the Situation Evaluation or to proposed developments within the area.

This unit is being studied in conjunction with Unit # AZ-1-40.

UT-040-219      Shinarump Cliffs

Original Acreage    537  
Final Adjusted Acreage    537

Action Taken: Retain the unit for Intensive Inventory, with the possibility that the unit's status may change when Arizona makes a final Initial Inventory decision.

Rationale: Comment concerning this unit was not germane to the review.

This unit is being considered in conjunction with Unit # AZ-1-27, and this decision may be altered when Arizona proposes its final Initial Inventory decision.

UT-040-222      Squaw Creek

Original Acreage    13,441  
Final Adjusted Acreage    13,441

Action Taken: None

Rationale: Comments received addressed the natural character of this unit. The unit does not contain a maintained county road and power corridor as stated in the comment agreeing with the proposed decision not to intensively inventory the unit. A comment disagreeing with the proposed determination states that "all the area within the roadless boundaries is natural." None of the comments concur with existing information or provided additional information, therefore a change in status is not warranted. Unit is dropped from wilderness inventory.

UT-040-223      Muggins Flat

Original Acreage    9,038  
Final Adjusted Acreage    9,308

Action Taken: Retain the unit for Intensive Inventory, with the possibility that the unit's status may change when Arizona makes a final Initial Inventory decision.

Rationale: Comments opposed to the Initial Inventory recommendation refer to grazing on the unit and the proximity of a highway. No new information is added.

This unit is being considered in conjunction with Unit # AZ-1-26, and this decision may be altered when Arizona proposes its final Initial Inventory decision.

UT-040-224      Pasture Canyon

Original Acreage    437  
Final Adjusted Acreage    437

Action Taken: Retain the unit for Intensive Inventory, with the possibility that the unit's status may change when Arizona makes a final Initial Inventory decision.

Rationale: Comments opposing the Initial Inventory recommendation refer primarily to external developments. One "way" is documented in the Situation Evaluation. No new information is provided.

This unit is being considered in conjunction with Unit # AZ-1-23, and this decision may be altered when Arizona proposes its final Initial Inventory decision.

UT-040-225     Timber Mountain     Original Acreage   39,200  
Final Adjusted Acreage   39,200

Action Taken:   None

Rationale:   Comments received addressed the extent of natural character in the area.   The comment provided no additional information about man-made developments in the unit.   Existing range developments, gravel extraction pits, and numerous "ways" impact the unit and has impaired the naturalness.   The comments give no information to change the status of the unit.   Unit is dropped from wilderness inventory.

UT-040-226     Buckskin Mountains     Original Acreage   3,328  
Final Adjusted Acreage   3,328

Action Taken:   Retain the unit for Intensive Inventory, with the possibility that the unit's status may change when Arizona makes a final Initial Inventory decision.

Rationale:   Comments opposing the Initial Inventory recommendation refer primarily to external developments.   Several "ways" are documented in the Situation Evaluation.   No new information is provided.

This unit is being considered in conjunction with Unit # AZ-1-27, and this decision may be altered when Arizona proposes its final Initial Inventory decision.

UT-040-230     Parunuweap Canyon     Original Acreage   47,696  
Final Adjusted Acreage   47,696

Action Taken:   Retain in Intensive Inventory.

Rationale:   Comments mention the proximity to Highway 50 and 89, and stock fencing.   These are outside the unit.   Other comments indicate:

"The lower portions of this tract are heavily roaded and trails and agricultural improvements detract from the natural quality."   A total of seven penetrating "ways" were identified but are considered not to be substantially noticeable.

"This tract may also be impacted by realignment of State Road 15."   This point is not germane to the wilderness inventory process.

"The area does not exhibit the outstanding wild character of the adjacent Park lands and does not require further consideration."   This is highly subjective.

Sufficient doubt exists to require that the unit undergo Intensive Inventory.

UT-040-235     Flood Canyon     Original Acreage   29,709  
Final Adjusted Acreage   29,709

Action Taken:   Retain in Intensive Inventory.

Rationale:   Comments indicated some jeep trails exist in the unit.   A majority of comments said, however, that natural conditions have been retained, and therefore, the area should be intensively inventoried for the extent of its wilderness characteristics.   Other comments disagreed, showing "ways" in addition to and extending beyond those shown on the Initial Inventory intrusion overlay.   Pinyon-juniper eradication and improved roads are also said to exist in this unit.   Sufficient doubt exists to require that the unit undergo intensive inventory.

UT-040-237     Hog Canyon     Original Acreage   28,189  
Final Adjusted Acreage   28,189

Action Taken:   None

Rationale:   Some comments received recommended the unit go into Intensive Inventory.   Another comment was general in nature and provided no information.

Another comment stated that a portion of the unit should be studied in Intensive Inventory, but ignore intrusions caused by ORV use in the area.

Sufficient information was not provided to change the status of the unit.   Unit is dropped from wilderness inventory.

UT-040-238     Meadow Canyon     Original Acreage   6,358  
Final Adjusted Acreage   0

Action Taken:   Change the initial status of the unit, by modification of the Situation Evaluation, to that of clearly and obviously lacking wilderness characteristics, and release the unit from further study.

Rationale:   The new available information is the existence of chainings and vegetative manipulations within the unit which have been determined to impair the naturalness of the unit.   Therefore the unit clearly and obviously lacks wilderness characteristics.   This unit will not be intensively inventoried.

UT-040-240     Cottonwood Point     Original Acreage   12,657  
Final Adjusted Acreage   12,657

Action Taken:   None

Rationale:   Comment received requests that this unit be reconsidered for Intensive Inventory.   It did not provide information to support recommendation.   Unit is dropped from wilderness inventory.

UT-040-245     Brigham Plains     Original Acreage   16,059  
Final Adjusted Acreage   16,059

Action Taken:   Retain in Intensive Inventory.

Rationale:   Most comments are general references to range improvements and "ways" that were previously identified.



A specific comment mentioned a powerline crossing the unit and stated the line "is a substantial imprint of man's work." However, the line crosses a segment of the southwest corner of the unit in an open area below a major cliffline. The powerline is screened from most of the unit by this cliffline.

No information was provided to warrant a change in status.

<u>UT-040-246</u>	<u>Nephi Wash</u>	Original Acreage	12,575
		Final Adjusted Acreage	12,575

Action Taken: Retain in Intensive Inventory.

Rationale: The comments for this unit provided no further information beyond that found in the Situation Evaluation. "Ways" and minor range improvement projects are the only intrusions listed. A comment states that there is an extension of a road as well as another road not originally shown on the intrusion overlay for this unit, and further argues that deletion of areas impacted by these roads would result in a remaining unit of insufficient acreage to meet the size criteria for further wilderness inventory. Since this information requires verification, this unit will proceed into intensive inventory.

<u>UT-040-247</u>	<u>Paria-Hackberry</u>	Original Acreage	196,431
		Final Adjusted Acreage	196,431

Action Taken: Retain in Intensive Inventory.

Rationale: The comments generally corresponded with that contained in the Situation Evaluation. The effect of specific developments mentioned in comments ranges from being thought of as having little impact on the natural condition of the unit to having a significant impact which requires a boundary adjustment.

<u>UT-040-248</u>	<u>Wahweap</u>	Original Acreage	167,881
		Final Adjusted Acreage	136,834

Action Taken: Adjust the boundary of the unit to conform to the requirements in the Wilderness Inventory Handbooks by combining units 250 and 254 with unit 248. Intensively inventory a portion of this combined unit.

Rationale:

Area originally identified as Inventory Unit 248.

Public comments addressed the Horse Flat seeding and coal exploration intrusions in the unit but do not state they are significant enough to make a clear and obvious determination. It was also pointed out that the unit would be of substantial size if the total upper bench containing the major intrusions was eliminated, keeping only the canyons. However, another comment argues that part of the upper bench meets 2(c) criteria. The canyons in the

unit are not intruded. Further comments indicate the intrusions identified in the Situation Evaluation are not significant because of rehabilitation work and terrain.

Another comment on this unit pointed out that no road meeting the Wilderness Inventory Handbook definition exists in Wahweap Creek above Nipple Canyon. Furthermore, the comment points out that units 250 and 254 are part of unit 248. Investigation has confirmed this comment.

Area originally identified as Inventory Unit 250.

Public comment identifying the absence of a boundary road in Wahweap Creek pointed out that Unit 250 is a part of Unit 248.

Area originally identified as Inventory Unit 254.

Comment agrees with the proposed initial decision to intensively inventory the unit. The comment points out that the area contains pristine side canyons of Wahweap Creek.

The unit boundary has been adjusted to conform to the requirements stated in the Wilderness Inventory Handbook. Public comment on the originally identified Inventory Units 248, 250, and 254 indicate all of 254 satisfies the requirement for Intensive Inventory and portions of both 250 and 248 also satisfy this requirement.

<u>UT-040-249</u>	<u>Coyote Creek</u>	Original Acreage	9,722
		Final Adjusted Acreage	9,722

Action Taken: Retain in Intensive Inventory.

Rationale: No new information was provided by the comments. The unit has been recommended for Intensive Inventory as suggested by one comment. "Ways" and range improvements were documented in the Situation Evaluation, but were not considered to significantly impair naturalness.

<u>UT-040-253</u>	<u>Nipple Bench</u>	Original Acreage	30,849
		Final Adjusted Acreage	30,849

Action Taken: None

Rationale: Public comment agreed with the Situation Evaluation that engineering investigations have significantly impaired naturalness of the unit.

Other comments supported intensive inventory of the unit. While admitting there are intrusions in the unit, comment delineates a small area where intrusions are confined. The comment claims drill pads are small areas of disturbance and have been reclaimed. They are connected by a "way" which has also been rehabilitated. "These exploration tracts and drill pads on Nipple Bench are not significant. They have largely reverted



back to a natural condition. The huge spaceousness of the bench with the unnoticable intrusion offers heightened experiences of solitude. The initial decision not to inventory this unit was based on the overall impact of all intrusions. Since comment fails to raise substantive doubt about the accuracy of the Situation Evaluation no change in status is warranted. The unit is dropped from wilderness inventory.

UT-040-255      Upper Kanab Creek      Original Acreage    59,293  
Final Adjusted Acreage    59,293

Action Taken: Retain in Intensive Inventory.

Rationale: Most of the comments identified the intrusions which have already been documented in the Situation Evaluation. Some of the comments contend that these intrusions sufficiently impair the naturalness of the entire unit, and it is therefore lacking in wilderness characteristics. Other comments state that a large portion of the unit is natural, and that the intrusions which were recognized were minor and did not impair naturalness. It is recommended that this unit undergo Intensive Inventory to correctly identify the extent of these intrusions and their impact upon the naturalness of the unit.

UT-040-256      Head of the Creeks      Original Acreage    21,409  
Final Adjusted Acreage    21,409

Action Taken: None

Rationale: Public comments agree with the proposed decision not to intensively inventory the unit. Unit is dropped from wilderness inventory.

UT-040-257      No Name      Original Acreage    206  
Final Adjusted Acreage    0

Action Taken: Drop unit from further Inventory consideration.

Rationale: The unit was originally included in the Intensive Inventory due to the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area draft wilderness proposal which was adjacent to this unit. The final GCNRA Wilderness Proposal no longer bounds upon the unit.

UT-040-267      Bulldog Hollow      Original Acreage    206  
Final Adjusted Acreage    206

Action: None

Rationale: Comment stated that this unit be reconsidered for Intensive Inventory, but added no new information. Unit is dropped from wilderness inventory.

UT-040-268      The Blues      Original Acreage    16,393  
Final Adjusted Acreage    14,180

Action Taken: Retain in intensive inventory with boundary adjustment.

Rationale: Comments on the naturalness of this unit agree with the Situation Evaluation that man-made developments are found along the unit boundaries. Several comments discussed the viewpoint that these developments have little impact upon the naturalness of the unit as a whole. These imprints of man are substantially noticeable in the southwestern corner of the unit while they have little effect upon the remainder of the unit.

UT-040-269      Red Canyon Group      Original Acreage    3,538  
270, 271,      Final Adjusted Acreage    3,538  
272, 273

Action Taken: Retain in Intensive Inventory.

Rationale: The sole comment stated that adjacent Forest Service lands do not possess wilderness characteristics. The U.S. Forest Service has declared the adjacent lands as Wilderness Study Areas. These BLM units form a logical extension of these WSA's and will be retained for intensive inventory.

UT-040-274      Pine Hollow Canyon      Original Acreage    9,343  
Final Adjusted Acreage    9,343

Action Taken: Retain the unit for Intensive Inventory, with the possibility that the unit's status may change when Arizona makes a final Initial Inventory decision.

Rationale: Comments opposing the Initial Inventory recommendation refer primarily to external developments. One "way" is documented in the Situation Evaluation. No new information is provided.

This unit is being considered in conjunction with Unit # AZ-1-27, and this decision may be altered when Arizona proposes its final Initial Inventory decision.

Although specific comments were received on the following units, no new information that would cause a change in recommendation was provided, either by those opposing or by those supporting the original proposal. Since there is no basis for changing the original recommendation, the original proposals are retained.

Unit No.	Original Proposal	
	In Intensive inventory	Dropped from intensive inventory
UT-040-091	X	
UT-040-092	X	
UT-040-142	X	
UT-040-144	X	
UT-040-147	X	
UT-040-149	X	
UT-040-150	X	
UT-040-153	X	
UT-040-154	X	
UT-040-155	X	
UT-040-173	X	
UT-040-174	X	
UT-040-175	X	
UT-040-176	X	
UT-040-177	X	
UT-040-178	X	
UT-040-179	X	
UT-040-181		X
UT-040-185		X
UT-040-186		X
UT-040-203		X
UT-040-236	X	
UT-040-242		X
UT-040-243		X
UT-040-244		X
UT-040-251		X
UT-040-258		X
UT-040-264		X
UT-040-266	X	

## RICHFIELD DISTRICT SUMMARIES

UT-050-019 Kern Mountains Original Acreage 29,360  
(NV-040-079) Final Adjusted Acreage 29,360

Action Taken: None

Rationale: This unit is contiguous to a larger unit in Nevada, and is being inventoried by the Ely District. Public comments on this unit added no new information. Unit will be intensively inventoried.

UT-050-019A Swan Creek Original Acreage 2,600  
(NV-040-082) Final Adjusted Acreage 2,600

Action Taken: None

Rationale: This unit is contiguous to a larger unit in Nevada, and is being inventoried by the Ely District. Comments relative to this unit were not sufficient to change or modify the original recommendation. Unit will be intensively inventoried.

UT-050-020 Deep Creek Mountains Original Acreage 95,700 (050)  
UT-020-060 61,770 (020)  
Final Adjusted Acreage 95,700 (050)  
61,770 (020)

Action Taken: None

Rationale: This unit consists of high mountains and deep narrow canyons. While the lower elevations are intruded by evidence of man's work, large acreages remain in a natural condition. Many of the comments on this unit favored further study. Insufficient specific information was received to disqualify the unit from further inventory. Unit will be intensively inventoried.

UT-050-029 Granite Spring Original Acreage 28,180  
(NV-040-086) Final Adjusted Acreage 28,180

Action Taken: None

Rationale: This unit is contiguous to a larger Nevada unit, and is being inventoried by the Ely District. Comments requested that the unit be dropped from inventory due to lack of naturalness. Comments referred to the portion of the unit in Utah. The information was not sufficient to change the original recommendation. Unit will be intensively inventoried.

UT-050-051A Big Wash Original Acreage 2,570  
(NV-040-110) Final Adjusted Acreage 2,570

Action Taken: None





UT-050-257      Notom Bench

Original Acreage 12,670  
Final Adjusted Acreage 8,975

Action Taken: Add to intensive inventory with boundary adjustment.

Rationale: Originally this unit was recommended to be dropped from further study. Public comments indicated that a portion of the unit met the minimum criteria of size and naturalness and should be studied further. The unit's boundary has been changed.

#### MOAB DISTRICT SUMMARIES

UT-060-023      Sid's Mountain

Original acreage 176,800  
Final adjusted acreage 96,226

Action Taken: Retain in intensive inventory with boundary adjustment.

Rationale: Comments for the original proposal recognized wilderness characteristics in the Sid's Mountain portion of the unit. Comments against the proposal recognized intrusions in other portions of the unit, existence of uranium values and claims and interior state sections. Review of public comment substantiated existing knowledge of the unit for the most part; however, some comments also identified specific intruded areas; and there were commendations that intruded areas be eliminated from the intensive inventory..

UT-060-029A      San Rafael Reef

Original acreage 101,270  
Final adjusted acreage 63,264

Action Taken: Retain in intensive inventory with boundary adjustment.

Rationale: Comments addressed the special attributes of the area and/or noted areas of intrusions. Evaluation of public comments indicated that the areas of principal interest to those supporting an intensive inventory for the unit are the San Rafael Reef and its associated canyons. Those opposing, pointed out the existence of intruded areas.

UT-060-053      Cedar Mountain

Original acreage 172,533  
Final adjusted acreage 110,840

Action Taken: Retain in intensive inventory with boundary adjustment.

Rationale: All of the public comments received concerning this unit were opposed to the original proposal and thought it should be intensively inventoried. Comment: also identified specific parts of the unit that had lost natural appearance due to intrusions and recommended that these be excluded from the inventory.

UT-060-054      Mexican Mountain

Original acreage 159,220  
Final adjusted acreage 102,000

Action Taken: Retain in intensive inventory with boundary adjustment.

Rationale: The public comments supporting the original proposal specifically described wilderness characteristics and their location. Those opposing specifically identify and locate areas of intrusion. Many of the intrusions, which include mines, roads, and other developments,



as large as 5,000 acres as shown on BLM maps) and narrow configuration, which they felt would be an adverse effect on any potential the unit might have for solitude.

UT-060-164 Original acreage 30,580

Action Taken: Drop from intensive inventory.

Rationale: A number of specific comments identified roads and other intrusions such as extensive areas of seeding and a landing strip. Because of comments which documented the loss of natural appearance, it was decided that the unit should be withdrawn from further wilderness consideration.

UT-060-166 Little Bridger Jack Mesa Original acreage 8,200

Action Taken: Drop from intensive inventory.

Rationale: Public comment opposing the original proposal was specific in identifying intrusions that impaired this unit's natural qualities. San Juan County Commission, for instance, identified roads and an airstrip. Other comments supported these observations and added other intrusions. Although some of the comments supporting the original proposal were specific, they did not provide new information, while the opposing comments did and the information is documented with maps. As a result, it was concluded that the unit had suffered a significant loss of natural quality.

UT-060-167 Bridger Jack Mesa Original acreage 7,896  
Final adjusted acreage 5,299

Action Taken: Retain in intensive inventory with boundary modification.

Rationale: Public comments against the original proposal identified intrusions such as an active mine, drilling exploration, roads and seeding. Comment for the proposal stated that the unit has great solitude potential, but does not refer to its naturalness. Comment against the proposal is specific; therefore, the unit's boundaries will be limited to the unintruded mesa top and that this area be intensively inventoried.

UT-060-171 Sweet Alice Canyon Original acreage 17,344  
Final adjusted acreage 9,216

Action Taken: Retain in intensive inventory with boundary modification.

Rationale: Public comment against the original proposal substantiated that numerous intrusions exist in a part of the unit. However, public comment for the proposal stated that it is contiguous to the Dark Canyon Primitive Area. Based on public comment, BLM has revised its recommendation to that of changing the boundary of the unit to exclude intruded sections of the original unit.

UT-060-177 Lower Horse Flats Original acreage 12,224

Action Taken: Drop from intensive inventory.

Rationale: Public comments opposing the original proposal identified numerous intrusions: large chaining areas, seedings, roads, and "ways". These create a broken, scattered pattern in the unit that is not conducive to further consideration for wilderness.

UT-060-181 Mancos Mesa Original acreage 115,100  
Final adjusted acreage 61,000

Action Taken: Retain in intensive inventory with boundary modification.

Rationale: Comments documented intrusions that have resulted in a very significant loss of natural quality, particularly in the areas that are not part of Mancos Mesa itself. One very detailed comment noted that only about 70,000 acres of the unit are unimpaired. Specific information received from these comments did document the wilderness attributes of Mancos Mesa itself. In evaluating the comments, it was concluded that the boundaries of the unit should be adjusted.

UT-060-183 Lake Canyon Original acreage 16,300

Action Taken: Drop from intensive inventory.

Rationale: Public comment against the proposal indicated that the area was heavily intruded by roads, ways and drill holes, and that the area does not possess wilderness characteristics. It was concluded, from public comment that the unit does not qualify for further consideration in the wilderness inventory.

UT-060-191 Cheese Box and Hideout Canyon Original acreage N/A  
Final adjusted acreage 27,520

Action Taken: Add to intensive inventory.

Rationale: Public comments for the original proposal discussed the presence of mining claims, roads and other intrusions. Most of the public comments opposed the original proposal, however, and stated that the canyon rims were severely impacted by mineral activity, but specified that the canyon bottoms were natural. Based on public comment, it was decided that the unit could not be classified as being "clearly and obviously" devoid of wilderness potential.

UT-060-198 John's Canyon Original acreage N/A  
Final adjusted acreage 18,360

Action Taken: Added to intensive inventory.

Rationale: In the original proposal this unit was not recommended for intensive inventory. The specific comments provided detailed information documenting the existence of wilderness values. These recognized the intruded condition of the canyon rims, but point out that the canyons themselves are still natural. Based on public comment the entire unit will be intensively inventoried.

UT-060-201      Road Canyon      Original acreage 86,800  
Final adjusted acreage 76,170

Action Taken: Retain in intensive inventory with boundary modification.

Rationale: Potential for rock climbing, abundance of wildlife, water and naturalness were documented. Comments stated that this area is less impacted than others and that the intrusions that do exist are only on the mesa tops, which can be excluded by boundary changes. (Roads and reseeded were documented on mesa tops.)

UT-060-204      Fish and Owl Creek Canyon      Original acreage 94,600  
Final adjusted acreage 77,800

Action Taken: Retain in intensive inventory with boundary modification.

Rationale: Comments stated that this is an outstanding area emphasizing the pristine condition of both Owl and Fish Canyons. There was also specific reference to intrusions on the mesa tops. There was specific support for changing the boundaries outside of the canyons. Among the comments making reference to the intruded condition and loss of natural quality of the unit's margins were those submitted by the State of Utah.

UT-060-205      Arch & Mule Canyon      Original acreage 21,568  
Final adjusted acreage 19,195

Action Taken: Retain in intensive inventory with boundary modification.

Rationale: Some of the comments documented the presence of 20 miles of roadways and 2,500 acres of chainings and reseedings. All of the responses favoring the original proposal described the uniqueness of the area's topography, scenic qualities, wildlife, vegetation and archaeological value. Several of those favoring the original proposal also identified the presence of a road down Arch Canyon, but described it as being substantially unnoticeable. It was decided that the comments identifying intruded areas should be taken into account and the unit's boundaries modified.

UT-060-227      Squaw and Papoose Canyon      Original acreage 10,000  
Final adjusted acreage 10,000

Action Taken: None.

Rationale: Some comments described intrusions referring to their location generally as being on mesa tops. These included oil and gas exploration, roads, seeding areas, etc. Those favoring the proposal specifically identified the area's wilderness qualities, including the rock formations, vegetation, topography and archaeological values. We considered public comments and also the fact that the unit is contiguous with Unit CO-030-265 in Colorado, which is recommended for intensive inventory. Our conclusion was that the unit will be intensively inventoried based on specific comments favoring it, and because it is an integral part of the Colorado unit identified for intensive inventory.

UT-060-232      Little Ruin Canyon      Original acreage 1,270  
Final adjusted acreage 970

Action Taken: Retain in intensive inventory with boundary modification.

Rationale: Some comments cited roads and mining activities in general terms, but did not specify locations. One comment pointed out that the unit was contiguous to the Rare Lizard and Snake Instant Study area in Colorado, BLM's Montrose District. While re-examining our base maps in our evaluation of the references to existing roads, we discovered an error in the original boundary. An existing road cutting diagonally across the northwest corner of the unit should have been the boundary of that part of the unit. We adjusted the boundary, using this road as the boundary in the northwest corner of the unit.

UT-060-233      Tin Cup Mesa      Original acreage 8,000

Action Taken: Drop from intensive inventory.

Rationale: Public comments identified numerous intrusions, including a large acreage of chaining, a number of roads and oil and gas developments. Those favoring the proposal did not provide strong support or new information. The area has lost its naturalness.



Although comments were received on the following units, no new information that would cause a change in recommendation was provided, either by those opposing or by those supporting the original proposal. Since there is no basis for changing the original recommendation, the original proposals are retained.

Unit No.	Unit Name	Original Proposal	
		In intensive inventory	Dropped from intensive inventory
UT-060-025	Devil's Canyon	X	
UT-060-026	North Big Ridge	X	
UT-060-028	Chute Canyon	X	
UT-060-298	E. of San Rafael Reef		X
UT-060-044	Jack's Knob/Spring Wash		X
UT-060-045	Horseshoe Canyon	X	
UT-060-064	Iceland Creek		X
UT-060-067	Turtle Canyon	X	
UT-060-069	Nine-Mile Canyon	X	
UT-060-070	Jack Creek	X	
UT-060-072	Dry Canyon	X	
UT-060-075	Harmon Canyon	X	
UT-060-076	Cow Canyon	X	
UT-060-083	Horsethief Canyon		X
UT-060-085	Big Flat		X
UT-060-086	Dead Horse Point	X	
UT-060-088	South Goose Neck	X	
UT-060-118	Star-Marble Canyon	X	
UT-060-122	Granite Canyon	X	
UT-060-124	Scharf Mesa		X
UT-060-130	Yellow Cat Flat		X
UT-060-131	Lost Spring Canyon	X	
UT-060-132	Dome Plateau		X
UT-060-133	Little Valley		X
UT-060-136	Fishers Towers		X
UT-060-139	Mill Creek	X	
UT-060-140	Behind the Rocks	X	
UT-060-143	Hatch Point		X
UT-060-153	Middle Mesa		X
UT-060-154	Pine Ridge		X
UT-060-157	Wood Ranch		X
UT-060-165	N. Six Shooter Peak	X	
UT-060-168	Titus Canyon		X
UT-060-169	Ruin Park	X	
UT-060-173	Fable Valley Plateau		X
UT-060-175	Middle Point	X	
UT-060-178	Fort Knocker		X
UT-060-179	Long & Gravel Canyons		X
UT-060-180	Red Canyon		X
UT-060-187	Grand Flat		X
UT-060-188	Pine Canyon	X	
UT-060-190	Fry Canyon		X
UT-060-194	Harmony Flat	X	
UT-060-195	Mormon Flat		X
UT-060-196	Bullet Canyon	X	
UT-060-197	Slickhorn Canyon	X	

Unit No.	Unit Name	Original Proposal	
		In intensive inventory	Dropped from intensive inventory
UT-060-200	Valley of the Gods		X
UT-060-202	Lime Creek		X
UT-060-203	Sugar Loaf		X
UT-060-207	Westwater Creek		X
UT-060-208	Comb Ridge		X
UT-060-212	Cottonwood/Westwater		X
UT-060-214	Black Steer Knoll		X
UT-060-216	Recapture Creek		X
UT-060-222	Big Water		X
UT-060-223	Monument Canyon		X
UT-060-224	Sheiks Flat	X	
UT-060-227	Squaw & Papoose Canyon	X	
UT-060-237	Lower Alkali Canyon		X
UT-060-241	Burch and Deer Canyon		X
UT-060-242	Black Steer Canyon		X
UT-060-027	Block Mtn./Georges Draw		X
UT-060-174	Bowdie Canyon Plateau		X
UT-060-186	Mikes Canyon		X
UT-060-077	Argyle Ridge	X	
UT-060-107	San Arroyo Canyon		X
UT-060-108	East Bookcliffs		X
UT-060-116	Wrigley Mesa	X	
UT-060-117	Jones Canyon	X	
UT-060-119	Big Triangle	X	
UT-060-120	Renegade Point	X	
UT-060-141	Behind-the-Rocks West		X
UT-060-184	Nokai Dome		X
UT-060-185	Castle Creek		X
UT-060-024	South Salt Wash		X
UT-060-078	Spring Canyon		X
UT-060-079	Grand Wash		X
UT-060-080	Duma Point		X
UT-060-081	Spring Canyon Point		X
UT-060-084	Whitback Rock		X
UT-060-114	Bitter Creek		X
UT-060-115	Coal Draw		X
UT-060-176	Young's Canyon		X
UT-060-221	Horsehead Canyon		X
UT-060-228	Squaw Point		X
UT-060-236	Alakali Point		X
UT-060-238	Cowboy Pasture		X

# VERNAL DISTRICT SUMMARIES

UT-080-101      No Name      Original acreage 18,313

Action Taken: None.

Rationale: This unit was not recommended in April to remain in the wilderness inventory. No additional information was supplied by public comments to affect the initial proposal. Unit is dropped from wilderness inventory.

UT-080-102      No Name      Original acreage 9,725

Action Taken: None.

Rationale: This unit was not recommended in April to remain in the wilderness inventory. No additional information was supplied by public comments to affect the initial proposal. Unit is dropped from wilderness inventory.

UT-080-103      Cold Springs Mtn.      Original acreage 5,455  
CO-010-208      Final adjusted acreage 4,733

Action Taken: Retain in intensive inventory with boundary adjustment.

Rationale: Verification of public input confirmed roads existing in the unit in an area that overlaps the state boundaries of Utah and Colorado. The intersection of these roads with private property and original boundary results in a portion of 1,587 acres being deleted of which 722 acres are in Utah.

UT-080-104      Wild Mountain      Original acreage 2,293\*  
Final adjusted acreage 140\*

Action Taken: Retain in intensive inventory with boundary adjustment.

Rationale: Northwestern arm of the unit has been dropped. A number of impacts in this area were commented upon. This portion of the unit was acknowledged to be significantly impacted in the initial inventory. Degree of impact is recognized to significantly affect this portion of the unit's naturalness. New boundary extends northward from the northeast corner of Section 36, T. 2 S., R. 25 E., along a fence line to the north boundary road at the east side of Section 25. This adjusted boundary coincides with the Utah-Colorado border. Of the area to be intensively inventoried, a small portion (140 acres) east of Jones Hole Fish Hatchery extends into Utah.

UT-080-106      Teepee Mtn.      Original acreage 2,009\*

Action Taken: Dropped from intensive inventory.

Rationale: Detailed comments in disagreement with the initial recommendation noted numerous impacts. Intrusions within the unit specifically

noted are a gas well and storage area, numerous ways, a radio communication tower, a paved airstrip and the impact of previous energy exploration within the unit. Comments were also directed to the magnitude of impact of the Clay Basin Gas field and eleven gas compression facilities adjacent to the unit. The numerous intrusions impair the unit's naturalness and limits the opportunity for solitude or a primitive or unconfined type of recreation.

UT-080-110      Hoy Mountain      Original acreage 5,990\*  
Final adjusted acreage 5,794\*

Action Taken: Retain in intensive inventory with boundary adjustment.

Rationale: A boundary adjustment was made due to a road located due to verification of public comment. The road completely segregates a portion of the unit resulting in a deletion of a 196-acre portion in the northwestern corner of the unit. Public comment verification has also resulted in the acknowledgement of a road extending approximately 1-1/2 miles into the unit in the northeastern corner of the unit. Other impacts noted in the public comments are permissible activities in a wilderness unit. No new information was supplied to significantly change the unit proposal other than the boundary adjustment.

UT-080-112      No Name      Original acreage 200

Action Taken: None.

Rationale: This unit was not recommended in April to remain in the wilderness inventory. No additional information was supplied by public comments to affect the initial proposal. Unit is dropped from wilderness inventory.

UT-080-113      Diamond Mountain      Original acreage 8,250\*  
CO-010-214

Action Taken: None.

Rationale: Comments noted the impact of the present grazing utilization of the area, fences, reservoirs, etc. Such activities and impacts are allowable in wilderness areas. Other comments were addressed to the possible impact of wilderness designation on surrounding private lands, management difficulties, conflict with present land uses and the present availability of wilderness areas in the Dinosaur National Monument and the High Uintas. Such comments are not applicable at this stage of the inventory. Retain in intensive inventory.

UT-080-200      No Name      Original acreage 2,280

Action Taken: None.

Rationale: No comments were addressed to specific impacts on the unit's naturalness in addition to what was noted in the initial inventory situation evaluation. No additional information was supplied that would change the initial proposal. Retain in intensive inventory.

\*Acreage for Utah portion only.

UT-080-201      No Name      Original acreage 5,560

Action Taken: Dropped from intensive inventory.

Rationale: Public input pointed out the existence of additional roads and ways within the unit. Total impact of the numerous intrusions significantly affects the entire area's naturalness and opportunities for solitude or a primitive or unconfined type of recreation. Unit is dropped from wilderness inventory.

UT-080-202      No Name      Original acreage 7,920

Action Taken: None.

Rationale: This unit was not recommended in April to remain in the wilderness inventory. No additional information by public comment was supplied to affect the initial proposal. Unit is dropped from wilderness inventory.

UT-080-208      No Name      Original acreage 33,390  
Final adjusted acreage 27,823

Action Taken: Retain in intensive inventory with boundary adjustment.

Rationale: Reasonable doubt about the unit's lack of naturalness and outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive or unconfined type of recreation was expressed. It was felt that the chaining did not significantly impact the area. Boundary adjustments were made to exclude the heavily impacted northern portion of the unit.

UT-080-414      Daniel's Canyon      Original acreage 5,920  
Final adjusted acreage 5,920

Action Taken: None

Rationale: Public comments received generally disagreed with BLM's recommendation primarily for fear that wilderness would interfere with livestock operations and that intrusion "ways" interfered with naturalness. Livestock grazing is permitted under the Wilderness Act of 1964 and it is felt that the intrusions do not significantly alter the naturalness. Unit is retained in intensive inventory.

UT-080-415      Moonshine Draw      Original acreage 3,747  
Final adjusted acreage 3,747

Action Taken: None

Rationale: Uintah County Commissioners referred to intrusion of state and private property. A check of BLM land plats indicated no state or private property within this unit. One comment indicated that wilderness designation would limit future construction of livestock improvements. Comments stated that no part of the unit is outstanding and that scenic and recreational value lie only within the National Monument. BLM must conduct field inventory to document wilderness characteristics. Retain in intensive inventory.

UT-080-416      Vivas Cake Hill      Original acreage 331

Action Taken: Dropped from intensive inventory.

Rationale: The comments received on this unit disagreed with carrying this unit further in the inventory process. Reasons stated included that it is a micro-sized unit that does not provide outstanding opportunities for solitude or unconfined recreation, even when considered in context with the Dinosaur National Monument's proposed wilderness classification. Unit consists of a hillside adjacent to a well traveled road. This road is the dominant view.

UT-080-418      Beach Draw      Original acreage 837

Action Taken: Dropped from intensive inventory.

Rationale: Several comments received disagreed with BLM's recommendation. The comments pointed out an access road and buried culinary water pipeline that cross the northwestern portion of the unit. It was also felt that the superior scenic and recreational resources are already contained within the boundaries of Dinosaur National Monument.

UT-080-605      No Name      Original acreage 47,063  
Final adjusted acreage 19,503

Action Taken: Retain in intensive inventory with boundary adjustment.

Rationale: The unit east of the Green River (605B) was dropped from intensive inventory. Field checks confirmed two roads traverse the center of the unit to rim rock overlooking the Green River. These roads detract from the naturalness. Active gas well and barbed wire fence (one mile in length) in the northern portion also impair the naturalness. 605A (west of the Green River) - boundary changes were made due to the presence of roads that separated portions of the unit. The San Wash Road in the south excludes a portion, a road in the north-west corner and in the northeast corner excludes a small portion. The remainder of the unit is relatively unimpacted and will be intensively inventoried.

UT-080-607, 608, 609      Original acreage 21,831

Action Taken: None.

Rationale: These units were not recommended in April to remain in the wilderness inventory. No additional information was supplied by public comments to affect the initial proposal. Units are dropped from wilderness inventory.

UT-080-612      Nine-Mile Canyon      Original acreage 8,003\*  
Final adjusted acreage 3,463\*

Action Taken: Retain in intensive inventory with boundary adjustment.

Rationale: Boundary adjustment in the NW corner deleting 4,600 acres due to a connecting road within the unit. Existence of such road was not noted during the initial inventory, verification of public comment noted such road. No additional information was presented to affect the remainder of the unit in the Vernal District portion.

UT-080-615      No Name      Original acreage 35,779  
Final adjusted acreage 35,779

Action Taken: None.

Rationale: Several comments in disagreement. No additional impacts within the area were noted by public. Comments were directed to the value of land uses, particularly for oil and gas and possible air quality restrictions. The Dinosaur National Monument wilderness proposal and the High Uintas Wilderness Area was noted to be sufficient wilderness acreage in the area. Such comments are not applicable at this stage of the inventory. No comments were supplied that would change the initial proposal. Retain unit in intensive inventory.

UT-080-616      No Name      Original acreage 7,300  
Final adjusted acreage 7,300

Action Taken: None.

Rationale: Several comments were in disagreement, several were general comments addressed to a grouping of units. Roads mentioned as within the unit are its boundary roads. No additional impacts were noted within the unit. Also, comments addressed the conflict and value of other land uses. There were no comments supplied that would change the initial proposal. Retain unit in intensive inventory.

UT-080-707, 708, 709      Big Pack Mountain      Original acreage 23,321  
Final adjusted acreage 23,321

Action Taken: None.

Rationale: Comments pointed out the small size and the impact of the road dividing these units. A field check of the road indicated a seldom used road in the bottom of a wash. This road may qualify as a way thus opening the alternative to combining the three units. The imprints of man are very scattered and the corral commented on is old and its serviceability questionable. Comments also dealt with competing resource values which will be considered at a later stage in the inventory process. Retain unit in intensive inventory.

UT-080-715      Bitter Creek Corral      Original acreage 14,463  
Final adjusted acreage 14,463

Action Taken: None.

Rationale: All public comments disagreed with BLM's recommendation; primarily because of conflicts with potential energy development, feelings that no outstanding wilderness or scenic values were present, and because the unit's shape limits recreation. These issues are to be addressed at a later stage of the review process. The shape of the unit does not impair the opportunity for solitude. BLM must conduct an intensive inventory to document wilderness characteristics.

UT-080-716      Atchee Ridge      Original acreage 5,477

Action Taken: Dropped from intensive inventory.

Rationale: Several comments disagreed with BLM's initial recommendations. Comments pointed out the presence of roads and other improvements such as cleared fence lines, the small size and shape of the unit. These imprints detract from naturalness and solitude.

UT-080-721      Davis Canyon      Original acreage 14,291 (Utah)  
Final adjusted acreage 13,853 (Utah)

Action Taken: Retain unit in intensive inventory with boundary adjustment.

Rationale: Several comments were in disagreement. Comments noted the road down Dragon and Davis Canyons, the agricultural improvements in Whiskey Creek and the presence of active gilsonite mining. After a field check the "way" up Davis Canyon was redefined as a "road." The Davis Canyon road became the new eastern boundary deleting the Colorado portion of this unit.

The "way" down Dragon Canyon has not been improved for many years, and is not defined as a road. Also, all gilsonite mining to date has taken place on private land. Therefore, a boundary adjustment was made to delete the imprints and fragmented land holdings in the Colorado portion of the unit. The Utah portion is being retained.

UT-080-722      Rat Hole Ridge      Original acreage 11,710  
Final adjusted acreage 11,710

Action Taken: None

Rationale: All public comments disagreed with BLM's recommendation because of conflicts with potential energy development, the presence of intrusion roads and the presence of private and state sections isolated within the unit. The inholdings will not be included in the inventory and competing resource values will be considered at a later stage in the review process. The jeep trail down the center of Rat Hole Ridge is considered a "way" because of a lack of visible signs of being improved or maintained, therefore, this unit is retained for intensive inventory.

UT-080-723      McCook Ridge      Original acreage 32,658

Action Taken: Dropped from intensive inventory.

Rationale: Comments pointed out the presence of many ways, the high visibility of road traffic, the shape of the unit, a natural gas well, inholdings of private property and a chaining. These items affect the naturalness or solitude of the unit. The status of the unit is changed from further inventory to that of being dropped. Other comments pertained to potential energy development which was not applicable to this phase of the wilderness review.

UT-080-729      Jacks Wagon Road      Original acreage 9,323

Action Taken: Dropped from intensive inventory.

Rationale: Most of the public comments disagreed with BLM's recommendation for putting the unit into intensive inventory, primarily because of the conflict with potential energy development, lack of scenic or recreational qualities and the many "ways" which lace almost every ridge. These "ways" adversely affect the naturalness and the unit's small size confines movement and limits recreation and solitude. One person commented that the area had an outstanding opportunity for recreation.

UT-080-730      Winter Ridge      Original acreage 43,963  
Final adjusted acreage 43,963

Action Taken: None.

Rationale: Most of the public comments disagreed with BLM's recommendation, primarily because of competing resource values which will be considered at a later stage in the review process. Lack of scenic interest, a nearby landing strip and intrusion "ways" were also mentioned. The landing strip, outside the unit about one mile, is primitive and infrequently used. The intrusion "ways" are mainly on the edge of the unit. therefore, this unit is retained for intensive inventory.

The following listed units received no public comments in disagreement with our initial proposal. All of these units were not recommended for intensive inventory. Since there is no basis for changing the original recommendation the original proposal is retained.

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